GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) are being established in the country to take up the development of forests and forest dwellers:

(b) if so, the number of FDAs constituted and registered so far in Chhattisgarh:

(c) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has sent any project report of the FDAs for sanction and release of funds;

(d) if so, the details of the amounts sanctioned and released, till-date; and

(e) if not, the likely time frame under which the said project is likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) A total of three Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) have so far been constituted in Chhattisgarh out of which two have been registered. The Chhattisgarh State Forest department has forwarded project proposals in respect of three FDAs to the Ministry for consideration. The proposals under the Scheme are sanctioned keeping in view their technical feasibility, while also maintaining reasonable regional distribution among various States and availability of funds.